

## Guide to Manuscript Collections | The Equal Rights Amendment

### **2006.001 Equal Rights Amendment Collection**

This collection contains records from the Oklahoma Equal Rights Organization as well as its predecessor, the Oklahoma Coalition for Women's Equality. It includes administrative data, correspondence, newsletters, financial records, volunteer information, public relations documentation, pamphlets, bumper stickers, t-shirts, buttons, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, legislative information, political and mainstream issues of the period. It covers the period when equal rights was a hot-button issue in our society and the subsequent failure of the Equal Rights Amendment's passage. 1964–1982.

### **Historic Oklahoma Collection**

Historic Oklahoma is a vertical file of original materials. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes a biographical series.

### **2006.016 Dunning, John**

The John Dunning Political Collection is an extensive compilation of Oklahoma-related political memorabilia that spans the Territorial era through the twentieth century into the twenty-first. Amassed by Mr. Dunning, the collection contains campaign material (including posters, fliers, buttons, ribbons, cards, audio, video, letters, speeches, press releases, and newspaper clippings), correspondence, items from elected officials (invitations to inaugurations and functions, diplomas, certificates, internal memos, speeches, personal mementos, and other ephemera), newspapers, periodicals, books on Oklahoma politics and those written by Oklahoma politicians, as well as photographs that cover all of these aspects. The collection includes an African American organization campaigning for John C. Walton during the 1922 gubernatorial election, Socialist Party material, political material from American Indian Nations, from Indian Territory, from the proposed state of Sequoyah, from the capitol relocation controversy, and from nearly every political episode in Oklahoma's history. Individual's papers contained within the Dunning material include Otis Sullivant, a long-time political writer for the *Daily Oklahoman*; Melvin Cornish, Pittsburg County lawyer, political activist, and life-long friend of William Murray; W. C. Allison, a political leader in Eastern Oklahoma and Pittsburg County Registrar; Gladys Gockel, a political activist in the Republican Party and delegate to the 1968 Republican National Convention; Perle Dunham, a 1922 congressional candidate, Frank Davis, a 1926 gubernatorial candidate; Ethel Adams Anderson, a close friend of Jed Johnson; and Fred Mock, 1954 candidate for the US Senate.

### **2019.132 Herms, Ruth Adams**

This collection contains correspondence, pamphlets, programs, press releases, and newspaper clippings related to the vote for the Equal Rights Amendment. Ruth Adams was head of the Oklahoma City office, but also traveled to other parts of the country as an ERA advocate.

### **2014.056 Red Dirt Women: The ERA Campaign in Oklahoma**

The Red Dirt Women: The ERA Campaign in Oklahoma collection contains research material on the Equal Rights Amendment in Oklahoma including correspondence, newspaper clippings, organization ephemera, and government documents.

### **2007.098 Stapleton, Wanda Jo Peltier**

This collection contains documents collected by Wanda Jo Peltier Stapleton during her time in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and her involvement in the attempt to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Oklahoma.